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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Weisberg,

I apologize for being out of touch for so long.
I left Nashville and moved to California in August of 1998 ... after the memorial service for James Earl Ray was held.

I lived in Baltimore in 1997 and my plan was to move to Hollywood and pursue a career in show business. Except that James Earl Ray was diagnosed with a terminal liver disease.

The Liver Foundation said we can extend his life with a strict diet, but the prison said No ... the only way was if someone took food to him.

I moved to Nashville in November of 1997 to do that ... and I began to keep a daily journal on Aug 1, 1997 to document everything that took place ... with the approval and cooperation of James Earl Ray, I continued to do so until April 1998 when he died. (8 months and 23 days)

From the very beginning, the idea was for me to write a book using the journals, letters, photographs and taped interviews I had.

Jimmy even had a name for the title ... he said I should call the book.
" The Last 100 Days of James Earl Ray "

Everyone said that if Jimmy is denied an operation and he dies ... it will be no different than if they executed him ... so I like this as a title.

" The Execution of James Earl Ray "

Your opinion is valuable to me ... could I PLEASE ask you to tell me ... which one of the two titles do you think is the best one to use ?

Along with my daily journal, I plan to include a transcript of some tape recordings that Jerry made for me. I might leave off his terrible singing that was also on the tapes ... now I understand what you went thru when you received tapes from Jerry Ray.

My book will NOT be about why he is innocent ... but I do mention that he was innocent. I could never do justice to a book like that, after the brilliant work that you have done in all your books on the assassinations.

My book is about the events that took place during the last 6 to 8

months in the life of James Earl Ray and how he reacted to them. The book will show that he was NOT the snarling, mad dog racist killer the FBI claimed.

Mr. Weisberg, I was hoping that I could convince you to write something I can print in my book.

Instead of my asking you a few specific questions ... I thought I would ask you this, If you could include anything you wanted to, in a book on James Earl Ray ... what would it be ?
It can be as little as one sentence long, one paragraph long or even 10 pages long. It would be an honor for me to have anything you write in my book.

Thank you

Michael Gabriel

P.S.

I AM ENCLOSING A STAMPED SELF ADDRESSED ENVELOPE
THANKS AGAIN FOR EVERYTHING.